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Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor

Transitional financing arrangements for the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor and the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002

Note by the Secretary-General*

1. The General Assembly, in resolution 56/249 of 24 December 2001, appropriated the amount of $455 million for the operation of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET) for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002, in addition to provisions totalling $21,806,861 for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, which were fully apportioned. The Assembly did not apportion the full amount of $455 million among Member States. By the same resolution, the Assembly decided to apportion the amount of $402 million, of which the amount of $120 million for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2002 was subject to a decision by the Security Council to extend the mandate of UNTAET beyond 31 January 2002. The balance of the appropriation in the amount of $53 million was not apportioned.

2. In terms of financing arrangements for UNTAET, the amount of $374,903,225 has been assessed on Member States, under the terms of Assembly resolutions 55/228 B of 14 June 2001 and 56/249, and the amount of $11,542,898 has been set off against the apportionment among Member States, in accordance with the provisions of Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955 in respect of their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income.

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3. The Security Council, by its resolution 1392 (2002) of 31 January 2002, extended the mandate of UNTAET until 20 May 2002, the date of independence of East Timor.

4. By its resolution 1410 (2002) of 17 May 2002, the Security Council established the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor (UNMISET) as of 20 May 2002 for an initial period of 12 months. A budget for UNMISET had been prepared (A/56/932) in anticipation of the mandate that the Council has just approved (ibid., para. 1). The budget covers the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003.

5. Transitional financing arrangements will be required for the period from 21 May to 30 June 2002. Based on the current status of expenditure for UNTAET, expenditures for the period from 1 July 2001 to 20 May 2002 and for the transitional period until 30 June 2002 are estimated at $454,400,000 and would thus fall within the amount appropriated for UNTAET for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002. The related staff assessment income would amount to $12,580,400.

6. **The General Assembly is therefore requested to decide:**

(a) **That the expenditure for the period from 21 May to 30 June 2002 will be met from the amount of $455 million appropriated for UNTAET for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002;**

(b) **To apportion among Member States the amount of $80,096,775, that sum being the balance of the appropriation that has not yet been apportioned ($53,000,000) and the balance of the amount earlier apportioned subject to extension of the mandate of UNTAET but not assessed ($27,096,775);**

(c) **In accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), to set off against the apportionment among Member States their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of $1,037,502, representing the estimated staff assessment income that has not been set off in respect of the amount assessed so far.**